

## Message Text

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P R 051655Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY ROME  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2553  
AMEMBASSY KABUL PRIORITY  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: IT, AF  
SUBJECT: ITALIAN POSITION ON NEW AFGHAN REGIME

1. MFA OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS (RUGGIERO)  
HAS INFORMED US THAT MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR  
POLITICAL AFFAIRS GARDINI RECEIVED AFGHAN AMBASSADOR  
POHANYAR MAY 5. AFGHAN AMBASSADOR HAD REQUESTED THE CALL  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESENTING A COPY OF THE NOTE THAT THE  
NEW AFGHAN REGIME HAD CIRCULATED TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN  
KABUL ON APRIL 30. IN ACCEPTING THE NOTE, GARDINI INFORMED  
THE AFGHAN AMBASSADOR THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD  
EXAMINE ITS CONTENTS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN DUE  
COURSE. WHILE WAITING WITH RUGGIERO TO BE RECEIVED BY  
GARDINI, POHANYAR LAUNCHED A BITTER ATTACK AGAINST DAOUD  
AND HIS GOVERNMENT, AND HE EMPHATICALLY DENIED WHAT HE  
CALLED SLANDEROUS ALLEGATIONS TO THE EFFECT THAT THOUSANDS  
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HAD BEEN KILLED IN THE COUP.

2. REGARDING RELATIONS WITH THE NEW REGIME, THE  
MFA HAS INSTRUCTED ITS AMBASSADOR IN KABUL TO ACT IN  
CONSULTATION WITH THE OTHER OECD COUNTRIES, BEARING IN  
MIND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF RECOGNIZING  
STATES AND NOT GOVERNMENTS. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES,

THE MFA EXPECTS THAT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY AT KABUL WILL  
SIGNAL THE CONTINUATION OF RELATIONS WITHER BY RESPONDING  
TO THE NEW REGIME'S NOTE OF APRIL 30 OR THROUGH A  
SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT WITH AN OFFICIAL OF THE NEW REGIME.

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